

Milestone for our netball partner

EA Networks Centre is looking forward to hosting Mid Canterbury Netball for events during its centenary celebration weekend on 13-14 October.

Centre manager Richard Wood said netball had been a key partner at the facility since it opened in 2015 and hundreds of netball games were played there each season.

“Mid Canterbury Netball moved its entire programme indoors when the centre opened and its administrators also became tenants at Sports House. We love having the whole netball community under our roof and it’s a sport that is well patronised.

“Our team really enjoys supporting netball across all its programmes and we congratulate them on reaching this milestone. We look forward to being part of the centenary events and to hosting netball games for many more years to come.”

EA Networks Centre will host games of walking netball on Saturday 14 October, and a skills session run by former Silver Fern Anna Harrison.

Celebrations also include a centenary dinner at the Hotel Ashburton that night.

Mid Canterbury Netball manager Erin Tasker said walking netball was great fun and players of all ages and abilities could play alongside each other.

“You don’t have to be coming to the centenary to come along to the walking



Photo supplied by Mid Canterbury Netball

netball on Saturday. That’s open to anyone to come and have a go from 1-2pm.

“It’s just another chance for people to get together and have some fun over the weekend and get a bit of physical activity, as well as showcasing the awesome venue that Mid Canterbury Netball now calls home, the EA Networks Centre.”

Erin said all four courts were booked for the walking netball and there was no need to register - just come along and join in.

“And once that’s done, we’ve got our guest speaker for the evening’s event, Anna Harrison, coming along to run a skills session for kids in Year 5-6 and Year 7-8, with the help of our Mid Canterbury

Netball Youth Advisory Group.

“The whole weekend is about celebrating 100 years of netball in Mid Canterbury and you don’t have to have played reps to come along – this is about celebrating all people who’ve been involved in netball in Mid Canterbury over the years.

“If you played for a club, umpired, coached, have been a bench official or a volunteer, this centenary weekend is a chance for you to get some friends together for a fun night out full of reminiscing about days gone by.”

For more information on the centenary event, go to mcnetball.co.nz. Registrations close this Friday, 6 October.

Liz McMillan - Deputy Mayor Methven's new water plant ends angst over weather

Like everyone else who uses water from the Methven community water supply, I’m looking forward to not worrying whenever heavy rain is forecast.

That is because Methven (and the Methven Springfield supply) now has a new \$10m water treatment plant that can handle water even when it has high turbidity because of bad weather ... and that translates to no more precautionary boil water notices.

It’s been tough on the community over the years – for residents, businesses, schools and tourists who have been unlucky enough to strike one.

The new treatment plant, and two new water reservoirs which will help manage water in times of peak demand, represent a huge upgrade for the Methven supply.

I raise my glass of water to the engineers

and local contractors who worked hard to complete the plant and install the new membrane in speedy time.

The open day on Saturday morning gives the community a chance to come and see the plant for themselves. It is not often the public has access to such vital infrastructure, so I invite you all to have a look and check out the special membrane filters and other equipment that have been installed.

Saturday’s a good day to stick around in Methven, because you can also call into the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall and check out the emergency response display between 1-4pm. Methven has a volunteer Community Response Team that comes into its own in the event of a natural disaster and the display is designed to raise awareness of what they do.

Other townships in our district have response plans too, and that it a vital

part of being prepared.

Methven could be shut off from the rest of the district if the alpine fault erupts, or there’s some other major emergency, and our response team has the know-how and resources to keep the town and its people safe until help can arrive.

Saturday is a community event to highlight what needs to be done in such a civil defence emergency, who is available to help people get ready and put their minds at ease.

There will be presentations from Civil Defence, Fire and Emergency NZ, LandSAR and St John – all the services that are needed in a disaster.

With daylight saving in play, you might even have time to walk in to Sharplin Falls on the new track built by the Mt Somers Walkway Society – and finish with an icecream!



SHORT AND SWEET

MEET MARTY!

Meet Marty Membrane! He’s the star of the show at the new \$10m Methven Water Treatment Plant, which will be open to the public on Saturday morning. Grab a rare opportunity to see inside the new and fully operational plant, and talk to engineers about how membrane filters work - water is forced into the cylinder and filtered through tiny hair-like strands that remove 99.9 per cent of contaminants. The open morning runs from 9am-12pm on Saturday and follows the plant’s official opening on Friday.



SAVE THESE DATES FOR CHRISTMAS

Santa’s elves are busy working on the details for our upcoming Christmas events. We’ll be lighting up the giant Christmas tree in the CBD on Saturday 25 November, and the Christmas movie night is set for Saturday 9 December, screening at the picnic grounds at the Ashburton Domain. Watch this space for more festive details.

KEEP IT TOPLESS ON RECYCLING DAY

To keep your recycling in tip-top shape, please remember these simple rules about what you can put out in your yellow bin. We don’t want to find lids (of any size or sort), long life cartons, soft plastic (the kind you can scrunch), or food. We do want to find rigid plastics 1, 2 and 5, cardboard, paper and clean tins and metal cans. Clean glass and bottles can be recycled in your green crate. Given we are in for a windy summer, best get into the habit of doing up the wind strap.

Drop in for some ageing well info

Come along to the Ashburton Public Library this month for a free, fun, informative session on the benefits of keeping active and maintaining good health as you get older.

The Ashburton Ageing Well sessions are being held on Tuesday 10 October, 10am-12pm, and again on Tuesday 24 October, 2-4pm, and are being organised by Safe Communities with support from Sport Canterbury, ACC, Age Concern Ashburton, Waitaha Health, other health providers and Council.

Safe Communities co-ordinator Lesley Symington said the sessions were about ageing well by keeping active, in particular by improving strength and balance.

“We have a number of these Live Stronger for Longer classes around the district, offered by Age Concern Ashburton, EA Networks Centre and other community providers, and there’s an app you can use on your smartphone to exercise at home.

“Plus there’ll be information on the importance of keeping hydrated and



the benefits of being smoke free.”

Lesley said there would also be information about safe driving courses and using the Mid Canterbury Connector community transport service, for those who no longer drive.

“People can gather information, talk to people, get vouchers for free classes and have their balance tested. They can also have a go at a Steady as You Go strength and balance class.

“The Ashburton District has a higher

proportion of older people than the national average, with 18.5 per cent of our population here over 65. Keeping well in later life helps people cope better with all the changes that brings, and keeps them involved in their communities.”

There’s no need to book or register, people can just come along to the library:

- **Tuesday 10 October, 10am-12pm**
- **Tuesday 24 October, 2-4pm**

Help us nurture native trees at Taylors Stream

Council's Biodiversity team is organising a community biodiversity event at Taylors Stream Reserve, on Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road, on Sunday 15 October and volunteers are needed.

Please join us as we continue to nurture newly-planted native trees at the reserve. Thousands of newly-planted natives around the district still need care and protection as we go into the summer season.

This event is to mulch our native plantings at the reserve. Mulching these young plants helps to increase their survival rates as mulch traps moisture back to the soil, greatly reducing the need to water your plants.

It also prevents excessive weed growth.

Native plantings have been happening regularly over recent years and are making a real difference to the environment around the district.

Please bring along your wheelbarrows, gardening gloves, water bottle, lunch, snacks and sunhat. Other tools will be provided.

Also wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves and pants as a protection from weather elements.

Please let us know you're coming by emailing biodiversity@adc.govt.nz or texting 027 245 6680.

Everyone is welcome, including children, neighbours, partners, and friends.

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE

Ashburton District Council gives public notice of a proposal to temporarily close roads to ordinary vehicle traffic to enable the holding of the Ashburton Car Club's Scotts Shingle Sprint.

Roads proposed to be closed:

- **Le Bretons Road (from Christys Road to Denshires Road)**
- **Chertsey Road (2km from Le Bretons Road intersection)**

Period of Closure: **From 8am to 5.30pm on Sunday 19 November 2023.**

This proposed closure is made under the Local Government Act 1974 – Schedule 10 (11 (e) and will be considered at the Council meeting on 1 November 2023. Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge a notice of their objection and grounds for their objection in writing by post or email to the Council, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton by 4pm, Friday 20 October 2023.

NEIL McCANN
Group Manager Infrastructure and Open Spaces

WORKS NOTICES

Cass Street – current. Contractors are working in the south-bound lane of Cass Street (from Walnut Avenue to Cox Street) over the next weeks installing new water mains. Traffic may be disrupted.

Lagmhor Road/SH1 Tinwald/Agnes Street – Waka Kotahi is installing traffic lights at this intersection so expect traffic management and delays over the coming months. The Lagmhor Road crossing will be closed for two months from 25 September.

Princes Street - from 4 September to 7 November. The section of Princes Street from Brucefield Avenue to Bridge Street will be closed for water main renewals. Resident access remains.

Wills Street - 4 September to 13 October. Wills Street from Walker Street to Oak Grove will be closed for new water and wastewater pipes to be installed. Resident access remains.

Allens Road - current until 11 October. Allens Road, from Middle Road to Turton Street will be closed to enable a wastewater upgrade. Residents access remains, detours will be in place.

William Street - current until 7 November. William Street and intersections of Kermode and Dobson Streets, will be closed to undertake wastewater upgrading. Residents will still have access and detours will be in place.

Elizabeth and Grigg Streets - starting 25 September. These streets will be closed at times over the next months for new water and wastewater pipes to be installed. Access to Ashburton Hospital remains; resident access remains.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are at Council Chambers, 137 Havelock Street, unless specified. Meeting agendas are online at ashburtondc.govt.nz

Methven Community Board, Monday 16 October, 10.30am, at Mt Hutt Memorial Hall

Council meeting, Wednesday 18 October, 1pm

Ashburton Water Zone Committee, Tuesday 24 October, 1pm

Council Activity Briefings, Wednesday 25 October, 9.30am

Audit and Risk Committee, Wednesday 25 October, 1pm

Are you ready, Methven?

7 October, 1pm-4pm
at Mt Hutt Memorial Hall

Meet members of the Methven Community Response Team

Free sausage sizzle!

See emergency services displays and how responders will help you in the event of a natural disaster.



COUNCIL OFFICE

5 Baring Square West
Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 8.30am - 5pm
Thursday 9am - 5pm

ASHBURTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

180 Havelock Street, Ashburton 7700
Mon - Fri 9am - 8pm
Sat 10am - 1pm | Sun 1pm - 4pm

EA NETWORKS CENTRE

20 River Terrace
Mon - Fri 6am-9pm (pools 7pm, gym 8pm)
Sat & Sun 7am-7pm (pools 5pm, gym 6pm)

ASHBURTON ART GALLERY & ASHBURTON MUSEUM

327 West Street
10am - 4pm daily